LOCAL MISCELLANY.

The need of some cheap and convenient motive power for light work has long been evident. For running light machinery-sewing machines, scroll saws, small presses, etc.-many inventions have been devised which have been successful in some respects. Inventive genius long ago turned its attention to elec-Dicity as a cheap and powerful agent. But the great difficulty of inventors has been to convert cheaply the current of electricity into the power that will drive the wheels of the machine to which it is applied. A Brook-

wheels of the machine to which it is applied. A Brooklyn inventor, after years of experiment to secure this end, has constructed an electric engine. The machinery necessary to run an ordinary sewing machine needle through any thickness of cloth is contained in a box eight inches square and four inches deen. A small leattery furnishes the electricity and may be at any distance from the machine, the distance governing the size of the wire connecting the two. The expense is small, as the battery is the only constant expense, and this costs only a few cents a day while in use. The speed at which the machine is run and the stopping and starting are entirely under the control of the operator. Deing governed by a switch on the cloth-plate. Its successful working has been shown in public.

An invention of a very different sort, but which depends upon the same agent, has been made recently by an inventor of this city. Slik culture has been retarded very much by the labor involved in unwinding the threads from the silk worm occoon. After softening the gluten which holds together the silk threads in the outer covering of the cocoon, they are wound off upon a reel. From their exceeding fineness they are very liable to break. This work involves close attention on the part of the person superintending ft. Female labor is employed in this work and the strands of silk from four cocoons are usually run out on one reel to form a single thread. One woman could not do more than atthe part of the person superintending it. Female labor is employed in this work, and the strands of silk from four coccoms are usually run out on one reel to form a single thread. One woman could not do more than attend at most to two recis. It has been claimed by many interested in the silk trade that no machinery could be made deficate enough to automatically watch this work. The attention of the inventor was drawn to this subject two years ago, and he has lately perfected his application of the electric current to this work. By running the strands over carefully balanced wires, when one breaks the wire drops into accruir and closes a circuit which acts on an electric stop in the reel. The work is thus stayed until the strand is spliced and the circuit broken. In this way the electricity watches the strands and the attendant has only to notice the recis and start them when they stop. In the old way not more than six pounds of silk could be wound in a week; by this invention it is chaimed that forty peanes will be secured in the same time. The promoters of this invention hope by it to increase greatly the silk industry in this country. Owing to the cost of labor coccoms are not resled in this country to any great extent. They are raised between one better it is claimed can be found elsewhere—and exported for recling, and then much of the raw silk imported for meanifacturing. A large amount will be saved if the coccoms can be cheapily wound off here. Particulally in the South, where the mulberry is common, it is believed that the culture of silk may rival that of cotion. MORE RAILROAD COMBINATIONS.

A NEW BALTIMORE AND OHIO ROUTE TO NEW-YORK. It was stated yesterday at the offices of the Central Railroad of New-Jersey that arrangements were about completed for a new and important railroad connection, which would open to this city another compet-ing route for Western and Southern trade. The new line will be formed by a working arrangement between the Baitimore and Ohto, the Central of New-Jersey, the Bound Brook, the Philadelphia and Reading, and the North Pena-yivania Railroads. The route will be from Jersey City over the Central Railroad of New-Jersey to Bound Brook, thence along the Bound Brook Road to Jenkinstown, and from this point over the North Pena-yivania's tracks to West Philadelphia. Thence the cars will be switched upon the fracks of the Delaware branch of the Philadelphia and Reading to Gray's Ferry, a point opposite the southern portion of Philadelphia, where direct connection with Baitimore will be made over the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Road. It is claimed that the only work necessary to complete the new line is the extension of a few yards of track, thus giving the Baltimore and Ohio aroute from Philadelphia Railroad.

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The officers of the Central Railroad of New-Jersey state that there are a few obstacles yet in the way of completing the consolidation, which they believe will be arranged in time to allow the new line to go into operation early in January. The plan also includes a Western and Southern extension from Baltimore by the Western Maryland Road to Szepardstown; thence to Stanuton, Va., on the Shenandoah Valley Road, and thence to Cincinnati and the West by the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad.

DEATH OF A MISSIONARY POLICEMAN. Samuel B. Wells, a member of the Police Force for over sixteen years, died at St. Vincent's Hospital Tuesday morning, after an iliness of only a few hours. Although he never rose above the rank of a patrolman, his career as a policeman was remarkable. He came to this city in 1862 from Connecticut, where He came to this city in 1862 from Connecticut, where he had been a Methodist preacher. The reasons which aused him to give up the ministry and join the Police Force were never known, as he always preserved the strictest relicence regarding his private affairs. It would seem, however, that his motives were unselfish, and that the great aim of his life was to do good. He was stall and sleader, withpleasant features and grave, methodical manners. His conduct toward women and children was marked by politeness and gentleness, while he was feared by ruffians. In these and other respects he was a model policeman. His first service was in the first Precinct, and during nearly his whole term of service his posts were in the lower wards and among the worst streets in the city. He was that the most degraded classes. It is said that on many occasions Wells would stop and deliver reproofs, mingled with good advice, to the wretched persons whom he saw indulging in drunkenhess or idleness. Many children called him "Pop" Wells, while to others he was known as the "Missionary Policeman." He lived altogether in the station-house, and seldou was known to visit places of amusement. He was saving in his habits, but he often lent money to need policemen. It was said that he had a wrife living on a farm near Yonkers, and that he had saved several thousand dollars from his salary. His lasts patried dury was performed in the Fourteenth Precinct. He was sitting in the station-house at 9 o'clock on Monday even to use the hospital, but died in a few house from cangestion of the brain. After his death none of his numerous sequalnistness cound give any information regarding his relatives, and superintendent Walling belegraphed to Yonkers to have longuires undefor his widow. He was about sixty years old at the time of his death.

A LOAN COLLECTION IN PATERSON.

At the fair now being held in Washington he had been a Methodist preacher. The reasons which

A LOAN COLLECTION IN PATERSON. At the fair now being held in Washington Hall, Paterson, for the benefit of the Ladies' Hospital Association of that city, there is exhibited an excellent loan collection in the rooms of the Board of Trade. The picture gallery consists of seventy oil paintings, eight water colors and nine engravings. Among the artists represented are Murillo, Bubens, Carlo Dolei, Kühl, Cropsey, Ewell, Fuselli, Herterich, Breeling, G. L. Wouverman, Manzoni, Hermann, Vandyke, Chapin, Merie, Littuer, and others. E. S. Connor, of Paterson, has loaned "St. Francis in his Cloister," by Murillo, a little landscape by Vernier, and a battle scene, "Cavaliers in Flanders," by Wouverman. The painting by Murillo is said to be genuine. It was purchased at an auction in Paliacelphia in 1819 by John Barnes, the father-in-law of Mr. Connor. During the Peninsular war a large conveduat Seville, Spain, was sacked by the French soldiers, and several paintings were carried away by the officers. The authenticity of this picture, it is said, was established by Joseph Bonaparte while he lived at Bordentown, N. J. He was shown the painting, and at once recognized it as the one he saw cut out of its frame by an officer in the French army at the time the convent at Seville was pllisged.

In another room are porcelain, pottery and antiqués of various kinds. The background is formed of rugs and mats of all colors. Over the president's desk hangs a piece of Gobelin tapestry. It is over three hundred years old, and is vaited by its owner at \$5,000. There are two caralles and a tempot, a cup and anuer, formerly the property of Louis Napoleon, a plate once owned by Sir Walter Scott, and a Chinese pastile burner and stand. The remainder of the collection consists of 250 articles of brie-h-brac. Chapin, Merle, Littuer, and others. E. S. Connor, ot

NEW HOMES FOR THE SPARROWS.

From casual observation it would scarcely be estimated that there were 300 bird-houses in the branches of the trees of Union equare, but the officer who has counted them pronounces such to be the fact. On an average, each of these tenements shelters two sparrow nouscholds, and possibly some of these sparrows take longers. Twelve hundred is probably a fair

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restinate of the sparrow population of Union-square, not
counting the riff-riff that take squatter quarters under
the caves and cornices of the neighboring buildings.

"We're going to give the sparrows some new houses,"
said an officer in Union-square. "You see, some of the
houses have lost their floors; others are leaky in the
roof. We intend to replace about 150 of these birdhouses in Union-square with new cottages, and then will
do the same for the sparrows in the other parks. The
best sparrow-house we have is the little gable house
with wide caves, a broad floor extending beyond the
sides, and a partition in the middle, so as to accommodate one family in each of the two apartments. You
see, a sparrow wouldn't be happy unless he had a near
neighbor to quarrel with. No, those little round tin
houses, fitted up for sincle tonements, are not good.
They are coid, and besides, they have no pazzas. The
weaker birds are compelled to put up with these tenement-houses, and I've sometimes thought in watching
them that they were old bachelors, for, compared with
the other cottages, one of them would be a mighty unhandsome house to take a sparrow bride home to. That
intle white house you see near the park cottage is
chiseled out of stone. A young man on Long Island
offered to supply such to the department at a moderate
price, but he failed to get an order for more of them."

CLARENCE DELAFIELD'S STATEMENT. Clarence Delafield, of New-Brighton, still continues in a low condition. Mr. Delafield, in his ante-mortem statement to the Coroner, said: "The Johnsons for some time past have entertained an ill-feeling toward me, owing, I think, to some work done on the villoward me, owing, I think, to some work done on the vil-lage improvements by 'Joe' Johnson which I disap-proved of. The latter was the first to approach me on the day of the assault, and he said, 'I've a notion to kill you,' and immediately began an assault upon me. In seif-defense I knowled him down. Upon regaining his feet he called to his consin John, who was concealed near by, and the two then renewed the assault. At Mr. Clark's house, where my wounds were dressed, the two John-sons demanded admittance, which was refused, and I was concealed in the garret. The Johnsons in the mean-time had burst open the door and begun search for me.

They were finally led into the belief that I was not in the house."

LOWER PRICES FOR COAL. A GENERAL REDUCTION OF ABOUT SEVENTY CENTS A TON.

The sale of 100,000 tons of Scranton coal yesterday by the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad Company was largely attended. Prices were low, and the sales were well distributed. The prices, as compared with those of last month, were as follows:

	Prices Dec. 18.	price	Av. price at yester d'y's sale	Changes.
Steamer Grate Eck Stove Chestuut	\$2 37 \2 \alpha \$2 45 2 55 2 70 \alpha 2 65 \alpha 2 67 \2 3 00 \alpha 2 95 \alpha 2 97 \2 2 42 \2		2 654 2 984	Dec. 78c. Dec. 664c. Dec. 584c. Dec. 78c. Dec. 644c.
Total average		\$3 42%	\$2.72	701 <sub>2</sub> c.
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Company issued its trade circular (not to contractors), showing the following reductions from last month's

	1		Lehigh & Wilkes barre prices.
	New prices.	Last month.	December, 1877
Steamer	\$2.60	\$3.30	\$2.75
Grate	2 60	3.30	2.75
Egg	2 60	3.30	3 25
Stove	3 05	3 85	3.50
Chestuut	2.60	3 40	3 00
	2 00	2 30	
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Reductions of from 40 to 60 cents a ton were also made by the Delaware and Hudson Canal and the Le-high and Wilkesbarre Companies.

BROOKLYN POLICE CHANGES. The Brooklyn Police Commissioners made a large number of changes in the police force of that city yesterday. The officers of the First Precinct, against whom charges were preferred for their failure to break up gambling resorts in that precinct, were reprimanded up gambling resorts in that precinct, were reprimanded for gross neglect of duty, and were said to have manifested an indifference in the matter amounting almost to criminality. The commissioners say final such carrielessness and neglect will not be tolerated. The following transfers were made: Capiain Smith, First to English Precinct: Sergeant Cain, First to Scoond; Sergeant Strong, First to Fourth; Sergeant Van Wagner, First to Third; Captain Campbell, Fright to First; Captain MecKellar, Eighta to Tenth; Sergeant Mechilough, Third to First; Sergeant Essen, Second to First; Sergeant Ballou, Fourth to First; Sergeant Mechilough, Third to First; Sergeant Reardon. Sixth to Seventh; Sergeant Titus, Thirteenth to Sixth; Sergeant Smith, Ninch to Thirteenth; Sergeant Charles Sirong, Tenth to Niala. Roundsman Shepberd, of the First Preduct, was made a sergeant and assigned to the Tenth Precinct. Sergeant unbecoming an officer in connection with the revelations of Martin Taylor, was dismissed from the force for gross neglect of duty.

ICE CREAM, JELLY AND CHARLOTTE RUSSE. Horton's several ice-cream depots, at No. 305 Fourth-ave., No. 1,288 Br. adway and No. 75 Chatham-st., are well patronized during the Winter, as well as the Summer season. This excellent cream found on the tables of the best hotels and restaurants in the city; and private families are supplied with it at reduced prices, making it one of the cheapest deiteacles in the market. Horton's ice cream is made from pure Orange County cream, and it is all that it claims to be—rich, pure and delicate. The Charlotte Russe and Jenice made by this firm are delicious, and satisfy the most fastidious instes. W dring and party suppers are supplied at the shortest notice with cream, water-ices, juiles, etc.

The well-known house of Fussell & Co., at No. 12.

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Astor-place, is as popular as ever, as a restourant and
lee-cream depot. Its central location makes it convenient for business men at the hour of lunch, and aixs
for laddes when shopping. Fussell's lee cream is of the
daintiest flavors, and is made from pure-cream. The
Charlotte Busse made here are delicate. The Jelles are
delicate and are arranged in most beautiful forms. The
lee creams and water-lees are sold to fairs and churches
at 25 cents a quart; to families and wedning parties for
30 cents a quart; these lees are of all flavors and are
moulded in fanciful designs.

WRECKS AND STORMY WEATHER.

The schooner Speedwell which arrived yesterday from Corn Island, on the Mosquito coast, S. A., by way of Key West, brought Mr. Shearing, second mate, and the steward of the brig Harry, which went ashore on Corn Island during a severe gale October 22. The captain and first mate remained at the wreck for the purpose of saving what cargo they could. The Speedwell brought away the second mate, steward and four sailors, and was obliced to stop at Key West for provisions and water. There the four sailor scaping of on American vessels. The Harry sailed from Baitimore, where she was owned, with a cargo of assorted merchandise to be need in trading with the natives. While lying in the harbor she dragged her anchors and went ashore. The Speedwell encountered severe weather north of Hatters and on December 6 lost all her sails, the jibboom, and spring the bowspit in a hurricane which lasted twenty-four hours.

The bark Clara arrived yesterday from Brunswick, Ga., after a stormy passage of line days. She encountered a hurricane and heavy sens after leaving port, and several sails were carried away; the rudder head was spring; the cabin doors and water casks were swept overboard, and the cabin was filled with water. captain and first mate remained at the wreck for the

"RED" LEARY TO APPEAR IN COUBT. Charles Leary, known as "Red" Leary, obtained a habeas corpus for his production before the Oyer and Terminer, which was altered for technical reasons to a writ returnable in the Supreme Court, Chambers. He is under arrest on a requisition from the Governor of Massachusetts, as one of the robbers of the Northampton Bank, and he was lately released from custody as one of the Manhattan Bank burglars. The Sheriff did not produce him, stating as his reason that there had already been one effort to rescue Leary, and he had reason to believe another attempt would be made, if the prisoner were brought through the streets. Peter Mitchell and Algernon S. Sallivan, the prisoner's counsel, protested against this return, and claimed that if allowed they would bring Leary safely to court, and if required would return him to prison without any guard. Judge Davis laughingly suggested that the Sheriff appoint them his power comitatus, but seriously directed that the Sheriff bring the prisoner down this morning, using an armed guard that would insure the proper custody of the prisoner. Sheriff did not produce him, stating as his reason that

TELEPHONES IN SUBMARINE DIVING.

The telephone is to be made use of by the Department of Docks hereafter in submarine diving. In dredging for the foundations of piers the Department has found it necessary to employ divers to examine the bed of the river, and there has been felt a need for some bed of the river, and there has been felt a need for some means of communication between the divers and the men on the dredges. Charles W. Rayaond, one of the segineers of the Department, began some experiments with the telephone recently, and his work has led to the adoption of submarine telephones by the Department. Edison's duplex telephone is used. A battery, connected with one instrument, is placed on the dredge, and insulated wires run to a second telephone in the helmet of the diver. This is so arransed that the diver can apply either his mouth or his ear to the speaking cups by turning his head. Thus he can converse with case while at work on the bottom of the river. This application of the telephone, it is thought, will not only extend the sale of the instrument, but will prove a most important aid to submarine diving.

CHRISTMAS AT THE HOWARD MISSION.

It is the wish of the managers of the Howard Mission, No. 20 New-Bowery, to give to each of the children on Christmas Day some warm and useful garment. They also want to give them a Christmas dinner. ment. They also want to give them a Christians dinner. To meet these wishes, and to carry on the regular mission work through the Winter, large supplies of clothine, food and money are needed. Over 800 poor families and 3,000 children look to the mission for help. At the annual meeting yesterday the following were redicected tructees: A. S. Hatch, president; George S. Page, vice-president; Jacob F. Wycoff, secretary; H. E. Thompkins, treasurer; W. Phelps, H. W. Baldwin, R. N. Perlee and E. B. Monroe.

THE WESTCHESTER ALMSHOUSE.

In the Board of Supervisors of Westchester County on Tuesday, the special committee appointed to investigate certain irregularities alleged to exist in the accounts of the Keeper of the County Poor House and the Superintendents of the Poor, concerning the number of inmates provided for at the County Poor House, and the number charged for, reported, that "in their opinion the charges or insunations are not only not proved, but are unfounded." Mrs. Lowell, of the State Board of Charities, sent a letter saying she would testify at another meeting as to what she knows about the accounts and the condition of the Almshouse.

MEETING OF THE PARK COMMISSIONERS. At the Park Commissioners' meeting yesterday, a petition signed by Samuel B. Ruggies, Alfred Wagstaff, Horace Cladin and others, asking the improvement of Manhattan-square, was read. It asked that the Commissioners transmit to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment a supplemental estimate with a request that \$50,000 be provided for the improvement of Manhattan-square during the year 1879. The Commissioners decided to do this. It was also agreed that a copy of the memorial for the construction of a suspension bridge across the Harletz River at One-hundred-and eighty-first-st. be communicated to the Controller, and that he be requested to take proper measures to issue bonds to an amount not exceeding \$5,000 to be applied in making soundings and savings.

THE ELEVATED RAILROAD. THE BATTERY PARK EXTENSION—FUTILE ACTION OF

THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN. The plaza near the South and Staten Island Ferries has now a very disorderly appearance, owing to the preparations of the Elevated Railroad Company to extend its tracks over a portion of it. Heaps of earth, stones and logs he scattered about, while here and there stones and logs lie scatter of about, while here and there laborers are engaged making excavations for the foundations of the pillars. Pumping engines are required to keep several of the holes free from water, which flows in at high tide. In order to secure any foundation, the railroad company's engineers have been compelled to drive long wooden piles into the bot-tom of the heles. Besides excavating holes in the

been compelled to drive long wooden piles into the bottom of the holes. Besides excavating holes in the plaza, the railroad company is digging others in the Battery Park. It is the intention of the engineers to have tracks both on the north and south sides of the plaza. At present only the excavations on the south side are being made. When all the tracks are completed the company will be able to dispatch trains from the southers end of its road with far more frequency than at present. A handsome new depot will also be constructed on the south side of the plaza.

The Board of Aldermen, at the suggestion of Alderman Reilly, passed a resolution on Tuesday directing the Park Commissioners to revoke the permission they gave to the railroad company to run its tracks through the Battery Park for the purpose of making this extension. The resolution asserted that the extension of the making the extension of the Railly passed a resolution was also directed to take measures to punish the Elevated Railroad for this invasion of the Park. The officers of the Elevated Railroad, when questioned about tor its invasion of the park. The officers of the Elevated Enthroad, when questioned about the Baut of the Commissioners would comply with the demand of the Board of Alderneen. The Commission of the Park. The officers of the Elevated Enthroad, when questioned about the Board of Alderneen. He says he will send to the Board of Alderneen. He says he will send to the Board of Alderneen. He says he will send to the Board of Park Tuesday, therefore, seems to have no force other than as a recommendation to the Park Commissioners in 1875 about their authority over the Estery Park. In that opinion he stated that the Park Commissioners had sole power over the parks. The Board of Alderneen's action last Tuesday, therefore, seems to have no force other than as a recommendation to the Park Commissioners.

The foundations for the new station on the New-York Elevated Railroad in Twenty-eighthest, are benne lad. This is the first additional stati

EDWIN C. BURT'S FINE SHOES. There is scarcely a town or village in the United States in which the sign "Bart's fine shoes" is not displayed from some store window. Ladies everywhere are acquainted with them, but lew know how extensive is the business of their manufacturer. Mr. Burt in his new manufactory, No. 150 Duane-st., employs 490 in his new manufactory, No. 150 Dunnesst, employs 400 workmen and workwomen, and by the use of machinery, is able to turn out from 600 to 800 pairs every working day in the year. He makes only the finest grades of ladies' goods. He received the gold medal at the Paris Exposition, which is the highest award ever given to a manufacturer of slows. So great have been the leaver metric in machinery, that it is employed by Mr. Burt in every slage of the shoe manufacture, and he claims that the work is more perfectly done than would be possible by head, at the same time that the cost to consumers is greatly reduced. The business during the last year has been as good as that of 1875, and the prespects for the coming season are still more nopeful. Mr. Burt's slows have been introduced into Australia, Cuba and England, and in the first-named country there are prespects of a large and steadily increasine trade.

TRANSFER OF THE MONTCLAIR RAILWAY. Senator G. A. Hobart, receiver of the Montchair Rail-way, on Tuesday handed over the control of the road o the new owners, the New-York and Greenwood Lake company. The Eric Company obtained control of the new organization, and an application was made to new organization, and an application was made to Chancellor Runyon to set aside the late sale as fraudulent. Meantine the road was materially damaged by recent freshets, and Receiver Hobart, who had made a full accounting and was reacy to turn it over to the new owners, reported to the Chancellor that the road was running behind, and that it would cost \$5,000 to repair the damage by the floed, and that he must either stop the road or turn it over to the new company. Thereupon Chancellor Runyon denied the motion to set aside the saic, and ordered the transfer of the property to the new owners. A new branch track will be built across the meadows to the Newark branch of the Eric Railway, and the terminus will be changed about Christmas from Jersey City to Payonia, trains running has from Jersey City to Payonia, trains running through the Eric tounel.

COMPROMISING WITH CREDITORS.

Archibald Scott & Co., wholesale dealers in coffee, at No. 170 Duane-st., have suspended. On December 2 the firm was succeeded by Scott, Bones & Co., cember 2 the firm was succeeded by Scott, Benes & Co., who dissolved four days after. The liabilities of Archibald Scott & Co. amount to \$48,000 and the assets are large. A committee composed of Bowie Dash, James Casaidy and Frederick Rowland was appointed by the creditors to investigate, and it was in session yeaterday. The committee recommended toe firm to pay 100 cents on the dollar in three, six, nine and twelve months, but Mr. Scott was unwilling to accept these terms as he does not behave he can meet the payments. An assignment by Morris Ash and Adolf Leidersdorf (Ash & Leidersdorf, hats, No. 464 Broome-st.), to Henry S. Eisler was filed yesterday. Preferences of \$6,205 were given.

PACIFIC MAIL'S NEW CONTRACT.

President Babcock, of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, at a meeting of the board of directors yesterday, reported the result of his conference with the managers of the Union Pacific and Central Pacific Ralimanagers of the Union Pacific and Central Pacific Rali-roads on the question of renewing the contracts for car-rying passencers and freight. He said that an agree-ment was finally made, satisfactory to all concerned. The report was adopted and the contract will be signed for one year. The meeting was held with closed doors, and the directors declined to state the basis of the con-tract, as the Union Pacific managers had not given per-mission to make it public. They said, however, that the contract was far more favorable to the Pacific Mail than the one which has recently expired.

TEMPORARY AID FOR WORTHY MEN.

The managers of the Bowery branch of the Young Men's Christian Association, at No. 134 Bowery, are busily engaged in relieving able-bodied men who are temporarily destitute, by providing them with food, lodging, personal advice and direction as to the best lodging, personal advice and direction as to the best methods of precuring employment. The relief is given on the premises, and being only for a limited term, the possibility of imposition is greatly avoided. Money is not given. The reference of all applicants is investigated. As far as possible, the managers provide employment, or persuade men to return to their friends away from the city. The sick are helped to enter the hospitals. Money given for relief purposes is not used for salaries, but is expended for the Relief Department. The following statistics will show the amount of work done from May I. 1872, to December 1, 1878; Different men lodged, 7,682; number of lodgings, 45,796; meals given free, 270,393; different men aided, 35,831. The state of the treasury compels the managers to apply for gifts of money, men's ciothing and provisions, which may be sent directly to the branch, or the officers will send for any package to any part of the city.

TEACHERS COMMENDED FOR COOLNESS. At the meeting of the Board of Education yesterday resolutions were adopted commending the courage and presence of mind displayed by the princi-pals of Schools Nos. 8 and 10 during a recent fire in pais of Schools Nos. S and 10 during a recent fire in their buildings. The resolution appointing Commander Heavy Erben, U. S. N., superintendent of the Nautical School was referred to the Executive Committee on the Nautical School. Eliza M. Jackson was appointed principal of the Female Department of Grammar School No. 36. Friday, January 3, was added to the usual Christmas vacation. The flual meeting of the Board this year will be December 26.

A DOWN-TOWN BAZAAR.

LARGE AND ATTRACTIVE COLLECTION OF PANCY GOODS, JEWELRY, BRONZES AND LEATHER GOODS

IN JOHN-ST. Few establishments present greater attracions than that of Messrs. Hall, Nicholl & Granbery, importers of fancy goods, jewelry, bronzes, etc., at No. 20 John-st., and hundreds of purch asers in this holiday season find its distance from their up town residences no obstacle to numerous visits. Perhaps nowhere else in the city can so large a variety of attractive goods be found under the same roof. In an upper room is a fine collection of bronzes. On the street level the counters and shelves are loaded with clocks, watches, iridescent glass ornaments, the hues of which remind one of some glass ornaments, the hues of which remind one of some of the treasures of the Cesnola collection; china-ware of the rarest and most beautiful varieties; mirrors with siver and brass frames; Russia leather goods of all sorts—pocket-books, travelling bars, dressing; cases, etc.; smokers' sets—pipes, eigan-heiders and cases, and ash receivers; inkstands and other desk furniture in bronze, glass, silver and gold; letter-holders of fanciful patterns; tolict articles in ivory and tortoise-shell, oper-glasses, writing-desks in all styles, photograph albums and picture-frames in Russia leather and veivet, and in fact everything that can be included under the term fancy goods, besides gold and diamond jewelry. Vases may be found ranging from \$150 to \$1 a pair. There are some fine spectmens of platina-painted vases, of Limoges faience splashed with gold, and of white Algerine only mounted in gold. There are fine paintings on porcelain, and elegant English Chinase and leaves.

The collection of shell goods is large and varied. Unique vases are shown of high blue glass with Chinese characters in white enamel and mounted in bronze. There are few similar specimens in this country. The glass is made in Bohemia and is mounted in Vienna. Fine pieces of faience decorated in Colsonne style are shown. A specialty of this house is the folding triplicate mirror, of which may be seen more than 100 different patterns: many of these were specially embrodered and painted for this firm in China. The collection of Morocco and Russia leather goods is complete, including every variety of article manufactured from these materials, from a 50-cent pocket-book to the highest-priced and most completely equipped traveller's dressing-case. The elevated railroads place this store within easy reach of all parts of the city, and the attractive show-rooms are daily filled with eager purchasers. of the treasures of the Cesnola collection; china-ware of

A TEST OF THE SAVINGS OF WORKMEN.: Boston, Dec. 18 .- The official statement of the condition of the savings banks of the State will show

daily filled with eager purchasers.

an aggregate loss of about \$27,500,000 in deposits, and a decrease in the number of depositors of nearly 80,000.

NATIONAL GUARD REORGANIZATION.

The Executive Committee of the Military Board, organized for the purpose of calling a general convention to frame a bill for Congressional action, relating to the reorganization of the National Guard of the different States, met at No. 208 Broadway, yesterday, with Adjutant-General W. S. Stryker, of New-Jersey, in the chair. Among those present were General Rodenbough and Colonel T. L. Crittenden, United States Army; General Wingate, Colonels Cowperthwaite and Sterling, and Major Farr. United States Army; General Wingate, Coloness Cowperthwaite and Sterling, and Major Farr. General Wingate read letters from the Governors and Adjutant-Generals of the several States, approving of the plan for National legislation as already published in The Thimune; and also several communications stating that State conventions had been held, or were about to be held for the purpose of appointing delegates to the general convention. Governor E. P. Ferry, of Washington Territory, in approving of the plan, aids, "the necessity for a well-organized militia force in the Territories is far greater than in any State cast of the Mississippi. Serious Indian outbreaks are now of annual occurrence in several of the Territories. During the past two years it was plainly demonstrated in Idaho that the regular troops stationed there were too few successfully to cope with the bostile Indians; and had there been a well-organized militia the war would have been brought to an immediate conclusion; many valuable lives would have been spared, and the Government would have been saved several millions of dollars.

General Molinear offered a resolution, which was adopted, that the National Convention be held in this city on January 17. Delegates are invited from each State and Territory, and great preparations will be made to entertain them by both Army and National Guard officers. A resolution offered by General Wingate was adopted, that the best small arms and ordnance stores that can be procared shall be purchased out of the \$1,000,000 appropriation asked for, to be issued to the militia.

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PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

PROM HAVANA-Ey Steamship City of Washington.-H. E. Bardwell, J. J. Almiroll, V. Martinez Ybor, J. M. Du-rand, M. Redriguez and sen, Cosorint Martini and two sons, Mr. and Mrs. Allen, Mrs. J. L. de Tamos, C. Palneo, E. Agra-monte, E. Nurve, J. P. Sanz, J. Azorin, L. Sanchez, Edward

SHIP NEWS.

PORT OF NEW-YORK .... .....Dec. 18. SIT Alexandria (Br.) Linequister, Genoa Nov 8, Leghorn 11, Naples 13, Cotaola 17, Pilermo 25, Valencia 28, Gibraliar Dec 1, and Cadif 3, to Henderson Bros. SIT City of Washington, Timmerman, Havana Dec 14 to F Alexandro & Sons. SIT Kill Setbocker, Kemble, New-Orleans Dec 11, to Clark

Seriana. Sir Hercales, Wiley, Newburyport for Philadeiphia. Sir Hercales, Johnson, Portland, to J. F. Ames. Sin J. C. Ibbertson for Yarmouth, N. S), Merrill, Antwerp ov 15, via Pelaware breakwater, in Baliast to Boyd & incken. Rark Professor Nordenskjold (Nor), Jensen, Liverpool 41 vs. with sait to order, vessel to Funch, Edye & Co. durk Samuels (Ital), Hollo, Lisbon 50 days, with corkwood

Seaget, k Buth (of Sunderland), Raylor, Rotterdam 27 days, Bark Buth (of Sunderland), Raylor, Rottardam 27 days, battast on Bora & Hunesco.
Bark Naova Virginda (ttal), Caflero, Bordeaux 42 days, bark Naova Virginda (ttal), Caflero, Bordeaux 42 days, buth melse to D St Amant vessel to Lauro, Storey & Scarpati, Bark Madre Cerutti (Ital), Mortola, Newcastle 76 days, with cold to G A & E Meyer, vessel to master.

Fark Basiem (Nor), Melson, Hull Nov I, in ballast to Funch, Cive & Co, anchored in drawseand Bay for orders.

Fark Basiem Shisen Hauge (Nor), Hoger, Taganrog 21 days, with wool to Wood, Payson & Colgate, vessel to master.

Bark Chars, Vessel to F Talbot & Co.

Bark Antono Sala, Rice, Havana 13 days, with singar to order, vessel to C S Wood.

Bark Chara, Nichols, Brunswick, Ga, 9 days, with lumber to order; vessel to R P Buck & Co.

Birg Neille Husted, Brewster, Lisbon 07 days, in ballast to Brett, Son & Co.

Brig Clara Jenkins of Banger), Dodge, Bordeaux Oct 29, ballas to Miller & Houghton.
Birig John Sherweel, Mankin, Rio Janeiro Nov 4, with coffee order vessel to J E. Ward & Co.
Brig L. C. A (of Plymouth), Enckingham, Rio Janeiro 61 ays, with coffee to Wheter, de Vasser & Co. vessel to Geo F. sliey. Brig Gaven (of Charlottetown, P.E.I), McLaren, Murray (ver. P.E.I., 17 days, with polatoes to order; vessel to Hat

iver. P.E.I., 17 days, with potatoes to eruer, vases with fish, in, Watson & Co. Brig Swillsure (Br), Beattie, Cape Canso Nov 29, with fish, ic, to Perkins & Co. anchored at Sandy Hook for orders. Brig Servian (Br), McDonald, Charlottetown, P.E.I., 17 ays, with potatoes to W.E. Burves, vessel to J. Edmiston. Schr. Speedwell, Rountree, Mosquito Coast 34 days, with ubber and nuts to Wm Jex. vessel to master, schr. N. Hand, Doberty, Permambuco 35 days, in ballast to R. Schr. Sechr. N. Hand, Doberty, Permambuco 35 days, in ballast to R. Schr. Schr N Hand, Doherty, Perrambuco 35 days, in ballast to R. Schr Eva Adell (of Boston), Lombard. Maranham 36 days, with cedar to Van Prasa, & Co; vesses to master. Schr Mysterv for Amherst, N S., Babblit, Charlottetown, P E I, 17 days with potatoes to Perkins & Co; vessel to master. Schr George K Hatch (of Portland), Murphy, Matanass 11 days, with sugar to order: vessel to J H Winchester & Co. schr Phebe, Medero, Baracoa 13 days, with fruit to Gomes & Pearsanis vessel to Dollner, Potter & Co. Schr Annie L Palmer (of Bath), Lowis, Baracoa 15 days, with fruit to froe I Madge: vessel to I B Staples. Schr Eleanor, Squiros, Georgetown, S C, 6 days, with naval stores to order, vessel to E D Haribit & Co. Schr Nel y Potter, Howard, Washington, N C, 6 days, with naval stores, etc. to W K Hinman. Schr John W Fisk, Hail, Provincetown, with fish to J P & G. Rovinson.

for Bark Capri (Br). Dinsmore, from Calais, which arrived the inst and anchored at Gravesend Bay, came up to the city o day.

I'w dark Signet, Yeo, from Hamburg, which arrived 17th
net and anchored at Sandr Houx, came up to the city to day. WIND-Sunset-At Sandy Hook, fresh, NW; very hazy. At City Island, strong, NW, clear.

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Stra State of Indiana (Br) Sadler, Glasgow, A. Baldwin & Co; Hindoo (Br), Stymers, Hull, Sanderson & Son; Powhatan (Br), Newington, Barcelona, Pheips Bros & Co; Amerique (Pr), Deloet, Havre, Le de Bebian; Santiago de Cuba, Reed, Havana, Win P Clyde & Co, Morgan City, Reed, New Orleans, Reed, Hoyara, Chy of Columbus, Nickerson, Savannah, Gro Yonge, Guif Stream, Ingram, Charleston, J. W. Quintard & Co, Benefactor, Jones, Wilmington, Win P Clyde & Co, Win Woodsard, Young, Baltimore, J. S. Kreins; Tacony, Davis, Business Laws Hand

A Co. Renefactor, Jones, Wilmington, Wm P Clyde & Co. Wm Woodward, Young, Baitmore, J 8 Kreins; Tacony, Davis, Philadelphia, James Hand.
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FOREIGN PORTS. QUEENSTOWN, Dec 18.—Sir The Queen, from New York for Liverpool, was signalled off Fastnet at 2 a m to-day. SOUTHAMPION, Dec 18.—Arr str Rhein, from New York for Bremen. Sailed, str Oder, for New York.

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